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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *02 July 2004*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-16* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-13,15 and 16* is/are rejected.

7)☒ Claim(s) *14* is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☒ All b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This communication is in response to applicant's response to an Amendment B which is filed June 1, 2004 by a request for continued examination on July 2, 2004.

An amendment to the claims 1 and 15 has been entered and made of record in the application of Izumi for a "communication apparatus having wired communication function and wireless communication function, and control method therefore" filed December 15, 2000.

Claims 1-16 are pending.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's amendment and arguments with respect to claims 1-16, filed June 1, 2004 have been fully considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

> The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-2 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 1 and 15 recites the limitation "the wired communication line" in the claim 1. There are insufficient antecedent basis for these limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-4, 6, 11, 13 and 15-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Charbonnier et al. (US# 5,684,608) in view of Beukema et al. (US# 6,128,510).

Referring to claims 1, 3 and 15-16, Charbonnier et al. disclose a method and a communication apparatus (i.e. a facsimile system) (see Figures 1-2) having a wired communication unit (17) (i.e. a cord-connected instrument) and a wireless communication unit (12) having a plurality of wireless communication modes (i.e. base modes and handset mode), said communication apparatus (i.e. a facsimile system) (column 1 lines 22 to 61; see Figure 2) comprising:

Determining means (1) (i.e. a processor) for determining a connecting condition of a wired communication line (10) (column 2 lines 14 to 44; see Figures 1-2);

Input means (11) (a telephone network) for a user to use in inputting transmission data (i.e. voice or data) (column 2 lines 36 to 44; see Figure 2); and

Communication means (i.e. a facsimile system) for selectively transmitting the transmission data inputted by said input means (11) via one of the wired communication unit (17) and the wireless communication unit (12).

However, Charbonnier et al. did not explicitly disclose a communication means for selecting a wireless communication mode of the plurality of wireless communication modes of the wireless communication unit in accordance with the determination by said determining means.

In the same field of endeavor of radio link communication system, Beukema et al. teach that a communication means (70) (i.e. a transceiver unit of a base unit 34) for selecting a wireless communication mode (i.e. a radio link) of the plurality of wireless communication modes (31 or 35) (i.e. a radio link to a cordless modem remote or a cordless telephone handset transceiver) of the wireless communication unit (34) (i.e. a cordless base unit) in accordance with the determination by said determining means (89) (i.e. a controller) (column 4 lines 49 to 67; column 6 lines 3 to 67; see Figures 4-6) in order to permit a cordless base unit to communicate with either a cordless personal computer or a cordless telephone handset unit easily.

One of ordinary skilled in the art recognizes using the a cordless base unit switches between a cordless personal computer or a cordless telephone handset unit of Beukema et al. in a routing unit which able to communicate with a dual mode of a cordless facsimile machine and a cordless telephone handset of Charbonnier et al. because Charbonnier et al. suggest it is desired to provide that a radio module of a routing unit able to communicate with a dual mode modem automatically switches between a wireless facsimile system and a cordless telephone handset (column 1 lines 36 to 61; column 2 lines 14 to 64; see Figure 2) and Beukema et al. teach that a

cordless base unit communicate with either a cordless personal computer or a cordless telephone handset unit (column 4 lines 49 to 65; see Figure 4) in order to have a great flexibility of other telecommunication equipments to communicate in the same cordless connection system. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention using the a cordless base unit switches between a cordless personal computer or a cordless telephone handset unit of Beukema et al. in a routing unit which able to communicate with a dual mode of a cordless facsimile machine and a cordless telephone handset of Charbonnier et al. with the motivation for doing so would have been to provide a wireless base unit communicate with plurality of wireless modules in order to have a great flexibility and very efficient communication system.

Referring to claims 2 and 4, Charbonnier et al. in view of Beukema et al. disclose a communication apparatus according to claims 1 and 3, Charbonnier et al. disclose wherein determining means (1) (i.e. a processor) performs the determination based on whether synchronization with one of layer 1 and layer 2 of the wired communication line (10) can be established (column 2 lines 14 to 64; see Figures 1-2).

Referring to claim 6, Charbonnier et al. in view of Beukema et al. disclose a communication apparatus according to claim 3, Beukema et al. disclose wherein said determining means (89) (i.e. a controller) performs the determination when power is supplied to said communication apparatus (34) (i.e. a cordless base unit) (column 10 lines 14 to 36; see Figure 6).

Referring to claim 11, Charbonnier et al. in view of Beukema et al. disclose a communication apparatus according to claim 3, Charbonnier et al. disclose wherein the first mode (i.e. handset mode) is a mode in which communication through the wired communication line is performed through the first wireless communication apparatus (i.e. a facsimile system) (column 2 lines 28 to 35; see Figure 3); and

The second mode (i.e. a base mode) is a mode in which relaying the processing (14) (i.e. a switch) is performed to enable the second wireless communication apparatus (12) (i.e. cordless telephone instrument) to perform communication through the wired communication line (10) (column 2 lines 14 to 27; lines 36 to 58; see Figure 2).

Referring to claim 13, Charbonnier et al. in view of Beukema et al. disclose a communication apparatus according to claim 3, Charbonnier et al. disclose wherein said communication apparatus (i.e. a facsimile system) performs digital wireless communication (12) (i.e. a fax data machine) and digital wired communication (17) (i.e. a cord connection instrument) (column 2 lines 28 to 53; see Figures 1-3).

Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Charbonnier et al. (US# 5,684,608) in view of Beukema et al. (US# 6,128,510) as applied to claim 3, and in further view of Hayashi (US# 5,479,485).

Referring to claim 12, Charbonnier et al. in view of Beukema et al. disclose a communication apparatus according to claim 3, however, Charbonnier et al. in view of Beukema et al. did not explicitly disclose wherein said control means converts, in accordance with the switched mode, a received digital signal into one of a digital signal using another encoding system and an analog signal.

In the same field of endeavor of dual mode communication apparatus, Hayashi teaches that wherein said control means (17) converts, in accordance with the switched mode, a received digital signal (i.e. a rectangular wave signal) into one of a digital signal using another encoding system (i.e. CPU) and an analog signal (column 1 lines 20 to 30).

At the time the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to recognize the need for control means converts a received digital signal into one of a digital signal in a dual mode modem for selecting between wireless and wire-based of Charbonnier et al. in view of Beukema et al. because converting to digital signal result would improve the reliable communication and accurate information that has been shown to be desirable in the dual mode modem of Charbonnier et al. in view of Beukema et al.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Charbonnier et al. (US# 5,479,485) in view of Beukema et al. (US# 6,128,510) as applied to claim 3 above, and in further view of Dacus et al. (US# 6,223,061).

Referring to claim 5, Charbonnier et al. in view of Beukema et al. disclose a communication apparatus according to claim 3, however, Charbonnier et al. in view of Beukema

et al. did not explicitly disclose further comprising: generating means for generating a clock for performing communication through a wireless communication link, wherein said control means controls, in accordance with the determination by said determining means, to perform one of communication in accordance with a clock extracted from the wired communication line and communication in accordance with the clock generated by said generating means

In the same field of endeavor of radio communication system, Dacus et al. teach that generating means (46) (i.e. XCO) for generating a clock for performing communication through a wireless communication link (38) (column 7 lines 48 to column 8 lines 54; see Figure 2);

Wherein said control means (5) (i.e. frequency control input) controls, in accordance with the determination by said determining means (10) (i.e. detector), to perform one of communication in accordance with a clock extracted from the wired communication line and communication in accordance with the clock generated by said generating means (46) (column 7 lines 48 to column 8 lines 54; see Figures 2-4) in order to obtain the best transmission strategy for transmitting a communication signal.

One of ordinary skilled in the art recognizes the need to add a TXCO to generate a clock that has very high accurate frequency control output in the frequency synthesizing means of Dacus et al. in a data processor with a routing unit connect to a radio module with different frequency generators of Charbonnier et al. in view of Beukema et al. because Charbonnier et al. suggest it is desired to provide that the mode of use of the system is changed the outputs of the two frequency generator are switched over (column 2 lines 59 to 64; see Figure 1) and Dacus et al. teach that a TXCO connect to a phase detector to generate an output signal which drives transmitting antenna (column 8 lines 34 to 54; see Figures 2-4) in order to have a reliable

transmitting signal. Therefore, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to add a TXCO to generate a clock that has very high accurate frequency control output in the frequency synthesizing means of Dacus et al. in a data processor with a routing unit connect to a radio module with different frequency generators of Charbonnier et al. in view of Beukema et al. with the motivation for doing so would have been to provide a capacity to set the range of frequencies by the microprocessor in order to have a highly accurate frequency output.

Claims 7 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Charbonnier et al. (US# 5,479,485) in view of Beukema et al. (US# 6,128,510) as applied to claim 3 above, and in view of Allmond et al. (US# 6,072,803).

Referring to claims 7-8, Charbonnier et al. in view of Beukema et al. disclose a communication apparatus according to claim 3, however, Charbonnier et al. in view of Beukema et al. did not explicitly disclose wherein said determining means continuously or periodically performs the determination.

In the same field of endeavor of radio communication system, Allmond et al. teach that determining means (402) continuously or periodically performs the determination (column 15 line 66 to column 16 line 62; see Figures 4 and 6) in order to monitor the corresponding link signals until the corresponding link signal indicates that link pulses are detected.

At the time the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to recognize the need to add that the processor continuously or periodically perform the determination of Allmond et al. in a modem data processing circuitry of Charbonnier et al. in

view of Beukema et al. because continuously or periodically performs the determination would improve the reliable communication and accurate connection of the communication signal that has been shown to be desirable in the facsimile apparatus of Charbonnier et al. in view of Beukema et al.

Claims 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Charbonnier et al. (US# 5,479,485) in view of Beukema et al. (US# 6,128,510) as applied to claim 3 above, and in view of Yamashita (US# 5,517,552).

Referring to claims 9 and 10, Charbonnier et al. in view of Beukema et al. disclose a communication apparatus according to claim 3, however, Charbonnier et al. in view of Beukema et al. did not explicitly disclose wherein said control means controls so as to perform display in accordance with the determination by said determination means and wherein said control means so as to display whether to perform one of the communication in the first mode and the communication in the second mode.

In the same field of endeavor of facsimile apparatus with cordless phone system, Yamashita teaches that control means (11) (i.e. operational portion) controls so as to perform display (11a) (i.e. a liquid crystal display) in accordance with the determination by said determination means (6) (i.e. CPU) and to display whether to perform one of the communication in the first mode (i.e. facsimile transmission operation mode) and the communication in the second mode (i.e. operation in response to telephone call by cordless phone) (column 4 lines 12

to 37; column 8 lines 12 to 30; column 8 line 55 to column 9 line 15; see Figure 2) in order to inform the user the status of the communication until the communication has finished.

At the time the invention, it would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art to recognize the need to add control means to perform display and to display the cordless phone is currently used of Yamashita in a modem data processing circuitry of Charbonnier et al. in view of Beukema et al. because adding the control means to perform display to inform the user of that the communication status would improve a communication network that has been shown to be desirable in a dual mode modem of Charbonnier et al. in view of Beukema et al.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 14 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Referring to claim 14, the following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art fail to suggest limitations that a communication apparatus further comprising:

A digital/digital code converter for performing digital/digital code conversion of data received from a digital wireless link and for performing digital/digital reverse code conversion of data received from the wired communication line;

An analog/digital converter for performing digital/analog conversion of the data received from the digital wireless link and for performing analog/digital conversion of data output from a data processor for processing communication data; and

A selector switch for switching to interconnect the digital/digital code converter and the wired communication line when said communication apparatus and the wired communication line are connected to each other or to interconnect the digital/digital code converter and the analog/digital converter when said communication apparatus and the wired communication line are not connected to each other.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nam V Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-3061. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri, 8:00AM - 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Horabik can be reached on 571-272-3068. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9314 for regular communications and 703-872-9314 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

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